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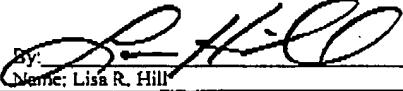
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Applicant:	NEAUX	Examiner:	M. BREVARD
Serial No.:	09/993,026	Group Art Unit:	3727
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Title:	ROOF-RACK BAR FOR AUTOMOBILE VEHICLES INTENDED TO BE MOUNTED ON NON-PARALLEL SIDE RAILS		

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed November 4, 2002, Applicant provides the following remarks. The Examiner has requested election between two species, Species I, apparently comprising Figures 1a-5, 5a, and 5b and Species II comprising Figure 4.

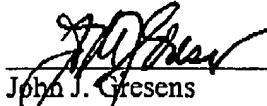
Applicants respectfully elect Species I comprising Figures 1a-3, 5a, and 5b, with traverse. The basis for Applicant's traversal is that they do not necessarily wish to be bound to the Examiner's logic in requesting election of species. The claims which pertain to Species I are 1-11 and 15-22.

Favorable consideration of all claims pending herein is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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